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MARINE LIFE IN JAMNAGAR
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether marine life and aqua culture are being harmed due to presence of oil refineries at Jamnagar in Gujarat ; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to check deterioration of marine life in Jamnagar ?

Answer

(MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS) (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Marine life and aquatic fauna of the Marine National Park Jamnagar in Gujarat does get affected because of the activities of oil refineries at Jamnagar.

(b) Steps taken to protect the bio-diversity include :

- Denial of access to oil tankers to the marine park.
- No pipelines are allowed through the national park without detailed impact assessment
- Indian Coast Guards have prepared a disaster management plan to deal with the oil slicks.